

Claims (Amended)

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1. Species specific ~~diagnostic test~~ <sup>method</sup> for identifying infection of a mammal, ~~such as a human~~ with Chlamydia pneumoniae, said ~~test~~ <sup>method</sup> comprising detecting in a patient or in a patient sample the presence of antibodies against one or more proteins from the outer membrane of Chlamydia pneumoniae, said proteins being outer membrane proteins selected from proteins having the sequence as shown in SEQ ID NO: 2, SEQ ID NO: 4, SEQ ID NO: 6, SEQ ID NO: 8, SEQ ID NO: 10, SEQ ID NO: 12, SEQ ID NO: 14, SEQ ID NO: 16, SEQ ID NO: 18, SEQ ID NO: 20, SEQ ID NO: 22, or in SEQ ID NO: 24, or a variant or subsequence thereof or

being said proteins encoded by the nucleic acid fragments selected from nucleotide sequence shown in SEQ ID NO: 1, SEQ ID NO: 3, SEQ ID NO: 5, SEQ ID NO: 7, SEQ ID NO: 9, SEQ ID NO: 11, SEQ ID NO: 13, SEQ ID NO: 15, SEQ ID NO: 17, SEQ ID NO: 19, SEQ ID NO: 21, or in SEQ ID NO: 23, or a variant or subsequence thereof and wherein a subsequence of 100 nucleic acids or lower shows a homology of at least 80% .

2. ~~Diagnostic test~~ <sup>method</sup> according to claim 1 wherein detection of nucleic acid fragments is obtained by using nucleic acid amplification.

3. ~~Diagnostic test~~ <sup>method</sup> according to claim 2, wherein detection of nucleic acid fragments is obtained by using polymerase chain reaction.

4. A nucleic acid fragment derived from Chlamydia pneumoniae comprising the nucleotide sequence SEQ ID NO: 1, SEQ ID NO: 3, SEQ ID NO: 5, SEQ ID NO: 7, SEQ ID NO: 9, SEQ ID NO: 11, SEQ ID NO: 13, SEQ ID NO: 15, SEQ ID NO: 17, SEQ ID NO: 19, SEQ ID NO: 21, or SEQ ID NO: 23, or a variant or subsequence of said nucleotide sequence which has a sequence homology of at least 50% with any of the sequences mentioned and wherein a subsequence of 100 nucleic acids or lower shows a homology of at least 80% .

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5. A protein derived from Chlamydia pneumoniae having the amino acid sequence shown in SEQ ID NO: 2, SEQ ID NO: 4, SEQ ID NO: 6, SEQ ID NO: 8, SEQ ID NO: 10, SEQ ID NO: 12, SEQ ID NO: 14, SEQ ID NO: 16, SEQ ID NO: 18, SEQ ID NO: 20, SEQ ID NO: 22, or SEQ ID NO: 24, or a variant or subsequence thereof having a sequence similarity of at least 50% and a similar biological function.

6. Polyclonal monospecific antibody against the protein with the sequence shown in SEQ ID NO: 2, SEQ ID NO: 4, SEQ ID NO: 6, SEQ ID NO: 8, SEQ ID NO: 10, SEQ ID NO: 12,

SEQ ID NO: 14, SEQ ID NO: 16, SEQ ID NO: 18, SEQ ID NO: 20, SEQ ID NO: 22, or SEQ ID NO: 24, or a variant or subsequence thereof.

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17. A diagnostic kit for the diagnosis of infection of a mammal, such as a human, with *Chlamydia pneumoniae*, said kit comprising a protein with the amino acid sequence SEQ ID NO: 2, SEQ ID NO: 4, SEQ ID NO: 6, SEQ ID NO: 8, SEQ ID NO: 10, SEQ ID NO: 12, SEQ ID NO: 14, SEQ ID NO: 16, SEQ ID NO: 18, SEQ ID NO: 20, SEQ ID NO: 22, or SEQ ID NO: 24, or a variant or subsequence thereof.

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8. A diagnostic kit for the diagnosis of infection of a mammal, such as a human, with *Chlamydia pneumoniae*, said kit comprising antibodies against a protein with the amino acid sequence SEQ ID NO: 2, SEQ ID NO: 4, SEQ ID NO: 6, SEQ ID NO: 8, SEQ ID NO: 10, SEQ ID NO: 12, SEQ ID NO: 14, SEQ ID NO: 16, SEQ ID NO: 18, SEQ ID NO: 20, SEQ ID NO: 22, or SEQ ID NO: 24, or a variant or subsequence thereof.

9. A diagnostic kit for the diagnosis of infection of a mammal, such as a human, with *Chlamydia pneumoniae*, said kit comprising a nucleic acid fragment with the sequence SEQ ID NO: 1, SEQ ID NO: 3, SEQ ID NO: 5, SEQ ID NO: 7, SEQ ID NO: 9, SEQ ID NO: 11, SEQ ID NO: 13, SEQ ID NO: 15, SEQ ID NO: 17, SEQ ID NO: 19, SEQ ID NO: 21, or SEQ ID NO: 23, or a variant or subsequence thereof and wherein a subsequence of 100 nucleic acids or lower shows a homology of at least 80%.

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10. A composition for immunising a mammal, such as a human, against *Chlamydia pneumoniae*, said composition comprising a protein with the amino acid sequence shown in SEQ ID NO: 2, SEQ ID NO: 4, SEQ ID NO: 6, SEQ ID NO: 8, SEQ ID NO: 10, SEQ ID NO: 12, SEQ ID NO: 14, SEQ ID NO: 16, SEQ ID NO: 18, SEQ ID NO: 20, SEQ ID NO: 22, or SEQ ID NO: 24, or a variant or subsequence thereof.

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11. Use of a protein with the sequence shown in SEQ ID NO: 2, SEQ ID NO: 4, SEQ ID NO: 6, SEQ ID NO: 8, SEQ ID NO: 10, SEQ ID NO: 12, SEQ ID NO: 14, SEQ ID NO: 16, SEQ ID NO: 18, SEQ ID NO: 20, SEQ ID NO: 22, or SEQ ID NO: 24, or a variant or subsequence thereof in diagnosis of infection of a mammal, such as a human, with *Chlamydia pneumoniae*.  
Method of Claim 1, comprising

12. Use of the protein with the sequence shown in SEQ ID NO: 2, SEQ ID NO: 4, SEQ ID NO: 6, SEQ ID NO: 8, SEQ ID NO: 10, SEQ ID NO: 12, SEQ ID NO: 14, SEQ ID NO: 16, SEQ ID NO: 18, SEQ ID NO: 20, SEQ ID NO: 22, or SEQ ID NO: 24 or a variant or

subsequence thereof in an undenatured form, in diagnosis of infection of a mammal, such as a human, with Chlamydia pneumoniae.

13. Use of a protein with the sequence shown in SEQ ID NO: 2, SEQ ID NO: 4, SEQ ID NO: 6, SEQ ID NO: 8, SEQ ID NO: 10, SEQ ID NO: 12, SEQ ID NO: 14, SEQ ID NO: 16, SEQ ID NO: 18, SEQ ID NO: 20, SEQ ID NO: 22, or SEQ ID NO: 24, or a variant or subsequence thereof, for immunising a mammal, such as a human, against Chlamydia pneumoniae.

14. Use of the protein with the sequence shown in SEQ ID NO: 2, SEQ ID NO: 4, SEQ ID NO: 6, SEQ ID NO: 8, SEQ ID NO: 10, SEQ ID NO: 12, SEQ ID NO: 14, SEQ ID NO: 16, SEQ ID NO: 18, SEQ ID NO: 20, SEQ ID NO: 22, or SEQ ID NO: 24, or a variant or subsequence thereof in an undenatured form, for immunising a mammal, such as a human, against Chlamydia pneumoniae.

15. Use of a nucleic acid fragment with the nucleotide sequence shown in SEQ ID NO: 1, SEQ ID NO: 3, SEQ ID NO: 5, SEQ ID NO: 7, SEQ ID NO: 9, SEQ ID NO: 11, SEQ ID NO: 13, SEQ ID NO: 15, SEQ ID NO: 17, SEQ ID NO: 19, SEQ ID NO: 21, or SEQ ID NO: 23, or a variant or subsequence of said nucleotide sequence which has a sequence homology of at least 50% and wherein a subsequence of 100 nucleic acids or lower shows a homology of at least 80% with any of the mentioned nucleotide sequences encoding a protein used for effecting *in vivo* expression of antigens against Chlamydia pneumoniae, in a mammal such as a human.

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